scheme is to supplement the expertise lacking in the host institutes. The working ages in case of Professors has been increased from 65 to 70 years for next two years. For the year 2006-07, the cadre ratio of 1:2:4 for Professor, Assistant Professor and Lecturer has been relaxed to 1:2:6.

Vidyalaya Vikas Nidhi fee

795. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Vidyalaya Vikas Nidhi fee is being levied from students of Kendriya Vidyalayas of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the fee collection and use are not subjected to scrutiny by Comptroller and Auditor General; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the rationale thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) Fee under Vidyalaya Vikas Nidhi (VVN) is being charged at the rate of Rs. 160/- per student per month from students of class XI & XII who do not belong to Science Stream and from students of classes I to X. In respect of students of Science Stream of classes XI and XII, the fee is charged at the rate of Rs. 200/- per student per month. The fee is not being charged from girl children of classes VI to XII, who happen to be the only children of their parents, from 1st January, 2006.

(c) The collection and use of fee under VVN are subject to audit by Comptroller and Auditor General.

(d) Does not arise.

UGC grant for infrastructure facilities

796. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) used to ascertain that the grant provided for constructing infrastructure facilities including hostels for students were utilised/being utilized for the same purpose for which the grant is sanctioned;

(b) if so, whether any survey or steps were taken during the last three years to examine the above facts;